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37 CFR § 1.97(b)

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37 CFR § 1.97(d)

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Applicant hereby request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, USPTO form 1449, submitted herewith.

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☒ This application is a:

☒ Continuation / Divisional,

☐ Continuation-in-Part,

of U.S.S.N. 10/123,717. Copies of the cited references are
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